

EXHIBITIONS AND NOTICES.

October 26, 1915.

Prof. E. W. MACBRIDE, D.Sc., F.R.S., Vice-President,
in the Chair.

The SECRETARY read the following report on the Additions made to the Society's Menagerie during the months of June, July, August, and September, 1915 :—

JUNE.

The registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of June were 249 in number. Of these 61 were acquired by presentation, 87 by purchase, 36 were received on deposit, 9 in exchange, and 56 were born in the Gardens.

The number of departures during the same period, by death and removals, was 161.

Amongst the additions special attention may be directed to :—

1 Pallas's Cat (*Felis manul*) ♂, from Tibet, and 2 Burrhel Sheep (*Pseudois nahura*) ♀ ♀, from the Himalayas, deposited on June 19th.

1 Hybrid Chapman's and Mountain Zebra (*Equus chapmanni* × *E. zebra*) ♂, born in the Menagerie on June 17th.

1 White-browed Wood-Swallow (*Artamus superciliosus*), hatched in the Menagerie on June 17th.

1 Lesser Double-collared Sunbird (*Cinnyris chalybeus*) from South Africa, presented by Alfred Ezra, F.Z.S., on June 12th.

2 White Storks (*Ciconia ciconia*), hatched in the Menagerie on June 8th.

A collection of Pheasants, including 3 Vieillot's Firebacks (*Lophura rufa*), 4 Himalayan Monauls (*Lophophorus impeyanus*), and others, purchased on June 5th.

2 Ocellated Turkeys (*Meleagris ocellata*), from British Honduras, deposited on June 21st.

JULY.

The registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of July were 382 in number. Of these 260 were acquired by presentation, 34 were received on deposit, 45 in exchange, and 43 were born in the Gardens.

The number of departures during the same period, by death and removals, was 241.

Amongst the additions special attention may be directed to:—

2 Puma cubs (*Felis concolor*) and 1 Eyra Cat (*Felis eyra*), from Cordova, Argentina, presented by Wilfred A. Smithers, C.M.Z.S., on July 28th.

2 Californian Sea-Lions (*Otaria californiana*), from California, received in exchange on July 19th.

1 Eland (*Taurotragus oryx*), born in the Gardens on July 15th.

A large collection of Birds, mostly European, presented by Major Frank Johnson, F.Z.S., on July 19th.

A collection of North American Birds, received in exchange from the Zoological Society of New York on July 19th.

2 Buff-breasted Partridges (*Ptilopachys fuscus*), 9 West-African Quail-Finches (*Ortygospiza atricollis*), and other birds from Gambia, presented by Dr. E. Hopkinson, D.S.O., F.Z.S., on July 21st.

2 Chinese Starlings (*Sturnia sinensis*), new to the Collection, received in exchange on July 28th.

10 Common Rheas (*Rhea americana*), hatched in the Menagerie on July 18th.

1 Blackish Tortoise (*Testudo nigrita*), from Indefatigable Island, and 1 Baur's Tortoise (*T. galapagoensis*), new to the Collection, from Charles Island, deposited on July 29th.

1 Royal Python (*Python regius*), from West Africa, presented by Robert R. Jones on July 19th.

AUGUST.

The registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of August were 129 in number. Of these 89 were acquired by presentation, 21 were received on deposit, 1 in exchange, 1 by purchase, and 17 were born in the Gardens.

The number of departures during the same period, by death and removals, was 115.

Amongst the additions special attention may be directed to:—

2 Orang-Utans (*Simia satyrus*), from British North Borneo, deposited on August 7th.

1 Rosy Minivet (*Pericrocotus roseus*), 1 Rufous-backed Shrike (*Enneoctonus erythronotus*), 1 Rufous-bellied Babbler (*Dumetia hyperythra*), 1 Green Iora (*Egithina viridissima*), from India, all new to the Collection, presented by E. W. Harper, F.Z.S., on August 4th.

A collection of Mammals, Birds, and Reptiles, including a Korin Gazelle (*Gazella rufifrons*), a Crowned Duiker (*Sylvicapra coronata*), a Waterhouse's Genet (*Genetta poensis*), 2 White-necked Crows (*Corvus scapulatus*), a Long-nosed Crocodile (*Crocodilus cataphractus*), and a Moebius's Snake (*Elaphechis*

moebii), the last-named new to the Collection, from the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast, presented by Capt. C. H. Armitage, C.M.G., D.S.O., F.Z.S., on August 18th.

SEPTEMBER.

The registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of September were 115 in number. Of these 65 were acquired by presentation, 32 were received on deposit, 7 in exchange, 8 by purchase, and 3 were born in the Gardens.

The number of departures during the same period, by death and removals, was 123.

Amongst the additions special attention may be directed to:—

1 Ocelot (*Felis pardalis*), 1 Kinkajou (*Potos caudivolvulus*), 1 Fraser's Squirrel (*Sciurus stramineus*), 1 Spiny Tree-Porcupine (*Coendu prehensilis*), 1 Harris's Owl (*Gisella harrisi*), 1 Salmon's Tiger-Bittern (*Tigrisoma salmoni*), and 4 Peruvian Ground-Doves (*Chamarpelia cruziana*), from Ecuador, presented by E. J. Brook, F.Z.S., on September 25th and 29th. The three species of birds are new to the Collection.

10 Wilson's Birds of Paradise (*Schlegelia wilsoni*), from Waigiu, new to the Collection, deposited, and 2 of the same presented, by A. E. Pratt on September 1st and 8th.

1 Black Manucode (*Manucodia atra*), and 7 Red Birds of Paradise (*Paradisaea rubra*), deposited on September 13th.

2 Red Birds of Paradise (*Paradisaea rubra*), and 4 Rufous-crowned Ground-Doves (*Phlogoenas rufigula*), the latter new to the Collection, from Waigiou, purchased on September 16th.

2 Chestnut-backed Finches (*Spermestes nigriceps*), new to the Collection, received in exchange on September 8th.

Mr. R. I. Pocock, F.R.S., F.Z.S., Curator of Mammals, exhibited a series of burrows of trapdoor spiders from South Africa, belonging to types never previously brought to England. They were collected at Alicedale, near Grahamstown, by Messrs. F. Thurston and F. Cruden, and were given to Mr. Pocock by the former gentleman, who at the same time presented to the Society living examples of *Stasimopus* and *Gorgynella*.

Mr. D. SETH-SMITH, F.Z.S., Curator of Birds, exhibited a living hybrid Swinhoe's and Silver Pheasant (*Gennaeus nycthemerus* × *G. swinhoii*), which had been presented to the Society by Mr. H. J. Elwes, F.R.S. It was a male, and a very handsome bird, but, although somewhat resembling Swinhoe's Pheasant as regards the head and neck, the back, rump, and tail were of a chestnut-brown colour, differing from the males of both parent

species. Mr. Elwes had also presented to the Society a young bird which he had bred from the above-mentioned hybrid, paired to a pure hen Swinhoe Pheasant, but this bird was not yet in adult plumage.

Mr. SETH-SMITH also exhibited a male Mandarin Duck (*Aix galericulata*) bred in the Society's Gardens during the current year, in which an extra digit had grown from the inner side of the right tibiatarsal joint (text-fig. 1). He remarked that

Text-figure 1.



Right leg of male Mandarin Duck, with supernumerary digit.

similar cases had been recorded by Bateson ('Materials for the Study of Variation,' page 394), but he believed that such abnormalities were rare, especially in birds other than those long domesticated.
